



Date: March 16, 2023
To: Chair Lyons and members of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
From: Dr. Morgan Crossman, Executive Director, Building Bright Futures
Re: S.56: An act relating to Child Care and Early Childhood Education - Considerations for BBF's Role in Supporting Governance Transitions

The committee has presented important questions about the role of Building Bright Futures related to supporting state agency partners, in this case the Department for Children and Families, with key scopes of work related to governance transitions. We are willing and able to assist in this role and want to provide some clarification about the ways in which we can support the process and fiscal implications of our involvement.

1. We are prepared to assist the Department for Children and Families with a transition plan related to transforming the child care and early childhood education systems outlined in S.56.
2. We recommend the committee separate out the 2nd role (v 6.1 pg. 14 #2) to be a separate scope of work that Building Bright Futures is responsible for, aligned with our role in statute to monitor the system and hold partners accountable.
 - a. “monitor these transitions over time and reports annually on January 15 between 2025–2028 to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its observations and recommendations”

Fiscal Update: Assuming the aforementioned changes move forward, please disregard the original estimate of \$350,000 for BBF's role. With the new scope of work, BBF requires \$75,000/year, \$150,000 total to execute the newly required scope of work.